

**APPENDIX 4**  
**DEFINED NON-SITES AND PROPERTY TYPES REQUIRING**  
**NO FORMAL DOCUMENTATION**

BLM cultural resource specialists must review and approve any deviation from this list. In most cases, formal documentation of the property types listed below is not required. **Existence of these defined non-sites and property types within the survey area, and justification for their exclusion, must be discussed in the project report.** If any of these property types exhibit significant architectural or engineering features, or are associated with a National Register-eligible site or district, they should be recorded on a Wyoming Cultural Properties Form. Professional judgment and common sense should be applied. In general, Smithsonian numbers will not be assigned to the following property types:

1. Utility lines (i.e., power lines, towers, telephone lines, fiber optic cable, etc.)
2. Pipelines (i.e., water, gas, etc. This does not include early wooden pipelines)
3. Stock dams, troughs, spring boxes, and associated windmills that postdate 1930
4. Elevation, bench, and section markers
5. Car banks (i.e., the use of abandoned cars, farm machinery, appliances, etc. to stabilize riverbanks, stream banks, or drainages)
6. Rip-rap (i.e., the use of cobbles, rock, or wood to stabilize riverbanks, stream banks, or drainages)
7. Isolated abandoned motorized vehicles, appliances, and all mobile homes
8. Fences and exclosures (i.e., barbed wire, chain link, buck-and-pole, or other types of pasture fence.) This does not include corrals, roundup or load-out facilities
9. Unnamed two-track roads (i.e., ranch roads, seismic roads, etc.). This will require standard historic research to determine if the roads are named. Named roads need to be formally recorded; generally, unnamed roads do not need to be recorded. Discuss in the report the historic research conducted (i.e. GLO check, county records, historic maps, etc.)
10. Recent trash (i.e., highway trash, etc.)
11. Producing oil/gas wells and dry hole markers
12. Agricultural irrigation ditches that are ephemeral in nature or may have changed location over time
13. Bear baiting sites
14. Trash dumps or historic artifact scatters older than 50 years for which historic significance cannot be demonstrated and/or the trash dumps do not provide any significant information (e.g. truck clean-out sites, strips and disks, etc.). This applies regardless of the number of associated artifacts
15. Samples of defined lithic landscapes. Approval from the cultural resource specialists from affected the field office must be obtained for the cultural resource permittee to apply this exclusion

16. Short-term camps associated with stockgrazing and recreation that provide no significant information
17. Temporary sawmill sites, slash piles, and isolated woodpiles
18. Prospect pits associated with mineral exploration or mining with no associated features, cribbing, and/or less than 50 associated historic artifacts
19. Engineered roads built as part of the State Highway System (generally after 1928, the year the privately administered Lincoln Highway Association was dissolved) do not require any documentation beyond what is on file at the Wyoming Department of Transportation. Roads built during the Great Depression (e.g. CCC, WPA – generally these are not on the State Highway System) require documentation and evaluation.

#### State Protocol between the BLM and SHPO Appendix D

### ACTIONS EXEMPT FROM CASE-BY-CASE REVIEW

Pursuant to Section VI.C.1 of the State Protocol, the BLM cultural resource specialist will, after determining information needed to identify and evaluate cultural properties, determine if specific projects or activities should be exempted from case-by-case review. In certain circumstances, even though an action may be listed as exempt from case-by-case review, the Field Office Manager, at the recommendation of the cultural specialist, may have justification to require an inventory and evaluation of cultural resources. The following actions are, in most circumstances, exempt from case-by-case review:

1. Activities which involve no more than two square meters of cumulative surface disturbance and no more than one square meter of contiguous disturbance in any given location, unless within the boundaries of a known historic property or an unevaluated cultural resource.
2. Issuing leases, easements, rights-of-way and permits that do not authorize or promote surface disturbance.
3. Acquiring lands and easements
4. Transferring lands or interest in lands to other Federal agencies where future management will be subject to the Section 106 process.
5. Issuing rights-of-way for existing developments or renewal of existing rights-of-way except where operation, maintenance, or abandonment activities might result in new surface disturbance.
6. Issuing rights-of-way for overhead lines with no pole, tower, or other surface disturbance on BLM-administered lands where there are no historic properties present for which setting contributes to integrity.
7. Authorizing new lines on existing overhead structures when there is no change in pole or tower configuration and no new surface disturbance.
8. Issuing special land use designations which do not authorize surface-disturbing projects such as Research Natural Areas and Wilderness Areas.
9. Minor, routine, or preventive operations and maintenance activities on BLM facilities, lands, and resource developments requiring no new surface disturbance and where facilities being maintained are not historic properties (does not include wildfire rehabilitation).
10. Installing signs and markers adjacent to existing roads, or placing recreational, special designation information signs, or visitor registers, unless within known historic properties. Disturbance cannot exceed the exemption allowed in Item 1 above.
11. Temporary road closures.
12. Designating areas closed to vehicles or areas limited to travel only on existing roads and trails.

13. Maintenance of crowned or ditched roads that does not widen or otherwise extend surface disturbance, unless archaeological features which have not been evaluated are exposed.
14. Dispersed non-commercial recreational activities such as Christmas tree cutting.
15. Issuing special recreation permits along rivers, trails, and other specified areas where use is similar to previous permits and which would not increase the level of use and where there will be no new surface disturbance.
16. Activities limited within stream channels, not including terraces and cut banks.
17. Personal use firewood permits which are not specific in size and do not concentrate use.
18. Alteration of structures or other current cultural manifestations less than 40 years old.
19. Removing modern materials and trash scatters less than 50 years old and not associated with a larger eligible entity. Abandoned vehicles and modern trash dumps are included in this class.
20. Cadastral survey
21. Animal traps and corrals in use for three days or less. Case-by-case review by the field office cultural resource specialist may be needed to assess potential effects prior to the undertaking.
22. Authorizing or installing devices to protect human or animal life (such as raptor electrocution prevention devices) that do not involve new surface disturbance.
23. Continued development of borrow sources which have previously removed all Holocene and Pleistocene sediments and will not extend into any area which contains Holocene and Pleistocene sediments.
24. Herbicide application where it would be unlikely to affect rock art or traditional Native American plant gathering areas.
25. Water lines laid on the surface that do not require excavation or other surface disturbance and do not cross known historic properties or previously recorded unevaluated cultural resources.
26. New fence construction and modifications of existing fence lines that do not require disturbance beyond placement of posts and will not result in concentrations of animals or creation of two track trails from vehicles.
27. Renewal of grazing leases/permits where type of animals and seasons of use do not change